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## BLM to Protect Upper and Lower Table Rocks Resources

The Medford District is establishing temporary rules to restrict certain activities and uses at Upper and Lower Table Rocks (Table Rocks) starting March 26, 2014. The temporary rules affect approximately 2,325 acres of BLM-administered lands within the Table Rocks Management Area, which is located between Modoc Road, Antioch Road, Highway 234, and the Rogue River. The restrictions stem from recent land acquisitions to protect sensitive resources on the Table Rocks.

Activities prohibited include the use of motorized and non-motorized vehicles; the use of firearms, paintball guns, and metal detectors; and digging for artifacts. Domestic animals such as dogs and horses are also prohibited. The full text of the Notice of Temporary Restrictions can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-03-26/pdf/2014-06626.pdf> (Federal Register, Vol. 79, No. 58 (March 26, 2014), pp. 16818-16819).

The BLM acquired 852 acres adjacent to the Table Rocks from The Nature Conservancy in November 2012. The rules by The Nature Conservancy that had previously been in place will continue. The regulations protecting the newly acquired and existing BLM lands will be in place for up to two years or until supplementary rules are established.

The Table Rocks contain sensitive cultural, historical, botanical, and wildlife resources. Within the newly acquired lands are the remains of the Camp White WWII training grounds, eligible for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places, other significant archaeological values, and vernal pool and open meadow habitats that host endangered and sensitive species.

The acquisition of the lands was part of President Obama's *America's Great Outdoors* program, an initiative intended to reconnect the public with the outdoors. The Table Rocks were one of 101 projects selected nationwide for the program and one of only two sites in Oregon.

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